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Letter dated 8 November 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from H.E. the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Glafcos Clerides, dated 8 November 1994, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under item 51, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alecos SHAMBOS
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Annex

Letter dated 8 November 1994 from the President of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General

I am addressing this letter to you at a time of great frustration and disappointment among the people of Cyprus regarding the failure of the informal meetings between Mr. Denktaş and myself to make progress. The people of Cyprus recognize your untiring efforts and appreciate your wish not to leave any stone unturned in the exercise of your good offices that might open the way to making progress towards the solution of the problem.

I feel, however, duty bound to inform you that the round of the five informal talks I had with Mr. Denktaş established beyond doubt two things: firstly, that the positions on the main issues postulated by Mr. Denktaş are in fact the policy of Turkey and, secondly, that neither Mr. Denktaş nor Turkey have the political will required for the solution of the Cyprus problem.

Both Turkey and Mr. Denktaş reject all Security Council resolutions, including paragraph 2 of resolution 939 (1994) regarding a solution based on a bicommunal, bizonal federation with a single indivisible sovereignty, and are adamant in their demand for recognition of separate sovereignty for the Federal State and separate sovereignty for each of the federated component units.

Both Turkey and Mr. Denktaş are adamant in rejecting that the Federal Republic of Cyprus can become a member of the European Union.

Equally, your definition of political equality is rejected both by Turkey and Mr. Denktaş and both are adamant in their demand for equal representation in the Federal Council of Ministers, consensus decisions and Presidency by rotation.

Finally both reject any amendment of the Treaties of Guaranty and Alliance, as concerns the guarantors and as concerns the "unilateral right of intervention". They also reject total demilitarization.

It is also clear that, despite my commitment to discuss and accept a solution within the parameters defined in Security Council resolutions and reaffirmed in paragraph 2 of resolution 939 (1994), neither Turkey nor Mr. Denktaş are willing to discuss and accept a solution within such parameters. It is, therefore, imperative that, in your report to the Security Council, responsibility for the failure to make progress should be attributed to Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leadership and that the Security Council should be asked to consider and adopt measures against the side that flouts its resolution.

Although I agree that Mr. Feissel should keep in contact with both sides, the purpose of such contacts should not be to prepare formal or informal meetings that are bound to fail. Progress can be made only if there is a change of attitude by Turkey on the main issues and in particular on the issues of sovereignty, accession of Cyprus to the European Union and demilitarization.

It is evident that, as long as Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leadership insist on rejecting the substance of a federal solution as defined in United Nations resolutions, no progress in any form of talks can be made. Under such circumstances, I feel that further discussion of the confidence-building measures cannot be productive and in essence becomes meaningless.

Finally, it is my firm conviction that the time has come to consider and adopt a fundamental new method of promoting a solution and, as such, I hold the view that an international conference is necessary.

(Signed) Glafcos CLERIDES
President of the Republic of Cyprus